



TIP OF THE SPEAR

MARINE OFFICIALS BEGIN DOCTRINE OVERHAUL



Marine Corps officials are working to overhaul the service's doctrine dictating how all Marines train and operate by incorporating points from lessons learned in the past six to 12 years. "Right now, I think the way we do doctrine, it is constipated," Brig. Gen. William Mullen, director of the Capabilities Development Directorate at Marine Corps Combat Development Command at Quantico, Va. "We are trying to do too much. I think there is a more effective way to review the doctrine that we have and keep it both relevant and current." The Corps currently

has more than 300 documents considered official doctrine. Mullen is working to organize a group to revamp the documents, looking ahead to the next challenges and threats the service could face after combat operations in Afghanistan end and the service re-emphasizes small-scale operations, particularly in the Asia Pacific region. [Read more](#)



PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Marines fire M9 pistols during the newly introduced Combat Pistol Program (CPP) at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., Oct. 3. CPP is being implemented throughout the Marine Corps and focuses on pistol marksmanship in combat situations. *(Photo by Lance Cpl. Steve Acuff)*



IN THE NEWS

PHIBLEX 14 FEATURES AIRCRAFT RESCUE



U.S. Marines and the Armed Forces of the Philippines tested their aircraft rescue and firefighting skills during Amphibious Landing Exercise (PHIBLEX) 2014 Sept. 26 at Clark Air Field, Pampanga, Republic of the Philippines. The forces ran a pilot extraction drill, consisting of a pilot's mock evacuation from an F/A-18. The members of both forces evacuated the pilot and conducted a mental evaluation. "The whole point of today is to ensure that our Filipino counterparts fully understand the rescue procedures that we have," said Cpl. Heriberto Alonso, an aircraft rescue firefighter. PHIBLEX 14 is an annual training exercise focused on

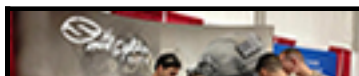
enhancing security and stability within the region. [Read more](#)

BUDGET CUTS CREATE EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE BACKLOG



Budget cuts and furloughs have caused delays at Marine Corps maintenance depots, where thousands of pieces of equipment are awaiting repair before they can be shipped back to Marine units said Lt. Gen. William Faulkner, deputy commandant for installations and logistics, Oct. 2. In the six days of inactivity throughout the summer, workers fell behind schedule by 1,200 pieces of equipment, whose maintenance will be delayed. "The longer term impacts [of sequestration], quite frankly, is that deferred maintenance and that readiness -- like a tsunami over time, it's just going to gain," Faulkner said. [Read more](#)

MARINE EXPO BRINGS MODERN TECHNOLOGY TO THE CORPS



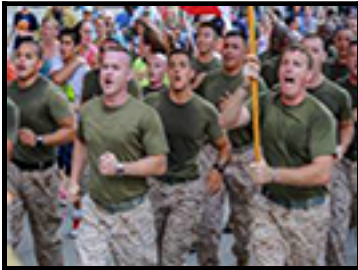
The Office of Naval Research revealed new innovations at the Modern Day Marine Expo Sept. 24 to 26, at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., intended



to help Marines and Sailors out-think, outmaneuver and outperform the enemy. Among these are Fast-Tint Protective Eyewear, instantly transitioning from shades to clear lenses in reaction to dark conditions; and the Power Management Kit (PMK), a lightweight universal system that powers equipment for the U.S. Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Platoon, reducing the weight and battery bulk that warfighters currently need to carry to power their gear from the average 50 pounds to 9 pounds.

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MARINES HONOR FALLEN IN ANNUAL TUNNEL TO TOWERS RUN



Sgt. Dakota Meyer, the Marine Corps' only living Medal of Honor recipient since the Vietnam War, led Marines based in the Greater New York City area on a run from Brooklyn to where the World Trade Center towers once stood during the annual Tunnel to Towers run Sept. 29. The Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation run commemorates the heroic life and death of Stephen Siller, a firefighter who ran through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel with 60 lbs. of gear to help those in need at the World Trade Center towers on Sept. 11, 2001. He was among the 342 firefighters and paramedics who lost their lives that day. [Read more](#)

4 MORE FEMALES FALL SHORT AT IOC



Four more women volunteers took on the Marine Corps Infantry Officer Course (IOC) Oct. 3 in Quantico, Va., and did not pass the school's introductory Combat Endurance Test, a grueling exam designed to assess physical strength, stamina and the ability to make decisions while exhausted. The 13-week course is considered among the toughest in the U.S. military and is part of the Pentagon's ongoing effort to determine which additional jobs in combat units should be opened to women. Counting the latest class, 10 women have attempted IOC, and none has passed. Nine failed to make it through the combat endurance test. [Read](#)

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CORPS RAMPS UP RECRUITING FOR INTEL JOBS



As the Marine Corps draws down troops, its need for intel Marines is prominent. Officials estimate the demand for 0211s has more than doubled in the past decade, and it will remain high in coming years. "Everybody wants CI/human intel Marines," said Col. Andrew Moyer, who serves as chief of staff for the director of Marine Corps Intelligence at the Pentagon. Among the roles of counterintelligence/human intelligence specialist is working undercover, interrogating detainees, acting as liaisons when Marines are in other countries and gathering battlefield intelligence for commanders. [Read more](#)



THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 7, 2001

The 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (SOC) secured two airfields in Pakistan a few hours before the first bombs were dropped on Taliban forces in Operation Enduring Freedom.



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'MARINE'S MARINE' WAS HERO IN WORLD WAR II, VIETNAM



Retired Col. William Leslie Dick passed away Sept. 6 at the age of 94, but his legacy as an American hero lives on. Dick earned the Distinguished Flying Cross during the Battle of Iwo Jima, saved countless Marines during the launch of the Tet Offensive in Vietnam and was an active volunteer in retirement. "I personally witnessed several acts of bravery that you usually wouldn't see a colonel engage in," said Mike West, a longtime friend who was a first lieutenant at during the Tet Offensive. Besides the Distinguished Flying Cross, Dick's military commendations included the Air Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Presidential

Unit Citation. [Read more](#)



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